

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-15 cancelled.

16. (New) A bounce reduced relay comprising:

two parallel contact springs for closing and interrupting an electric current between a first and a second relay contact, each contact spring having one end connected in a conducting fashion with the first relay contact and a free end for closing the electric circuit in a first position and interrupting the electric circuit, in a second position, with the second relay contact;

an armature;

an actuator connected to the armature for moving the free end of the contact springs;

a magnet coil for operating movement of the armature and actuator by changing polarity; and

a leaf spring centrally and pivotally disposed between the contact springs and having two free ends for biasing the contact springs free ends with force into the first position.

17. (New) The relay according to claim 16 wherein the free ends of the leaf spring are arc-shaped.

18. (New) The relay according to claim 16 wherein the leaf spring is clamped on the armature.

19. (New) The relay according to claim 16 wherein the leaf spring is clamped on the actuator.

20. (New) The relay according to claim 16 wherein the leaf spring is formed of an electrically conducting material.

21. (New) The relay according to claim 16 wherein the two contact springs are formed in one piece.

22. (New) The relay according to claim 16 wherein the two contact springs are formed as separate leaf springs.

23. (New) The relay according to claim 16 wherein the actuator is linearly displaceably disposed approximately in a deflecting direction of the contact springs.

24. (New) A bounce reduced relay comprising:

two parallel contact springs for closing and interrupting an electric current between a first and a second relay contact, each contact spring having one end connected in a conducting fashion with the first relay contact and a free end for closing the electric circuit in a first position and interrupting the electric circuit, in a second position, with the second relay contact;

an armature;

an actuator connected to the armature for moving the free end of the contact springs;

a magnet coil for operating movement of the armature and actuator by changing polarity; and

a leaf spring centrally and pivotally disposed between the contact springs and having two free ends for biasing the contact springs free ends with force into the first position, the contact springs being directly coupled

with the armature and the actuator in an opening direction of the relay and are motionally coupled in a closing direction of the relay with the armature and actuator via the leaf spring.

25. (New) The relay according to claim 24 wherein the free end of the leaf spring are arc-shaped.

26. (New) The relay according to claim 24 wherein the leaf spring is clamped on the armature.

27. (New) The relay according to claim 24 wherein the leaf spring is clamped on the actuator.

28. (New) The relay according to claim 24 wherein the leaf spring is formed of an electrically conducting material.

29. (New) The relay according to claim 24 wherein the two contact springs are formed in one piece.

30. (New) The relay according to claim 24 wherein the two contact springs are formed as separate leaf springs.

31. (New) The relay according to claim 24 wherein the actuator linearly displaceably disposed approximately in a deflection of the contact springs.

32. (New) The relay according to claim 24 wherein the free ends of the leaf spring are arc-shaped, the leaf spring is clamped on the armature and formed of a electrically conducting material, the two contact springs

are formed in one piece and the actuator is linearly displaceably disposed approximately in a deflecting direction of the contact springs.

33. (New) The relay according to claim 24 wherein the free ends of the leaf spring are arc-shaped, the leaf spring is clamped on the actuator and formed of a electrically conducting material, the two contact springs are formed in one piece and the actuator is linearly displaceably disposed approximately in a deflecting direction of the contact springs.